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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation has completed the review of the following amendment to the Merced County Association of Governments' (MCAG) 2008/09-2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

Amendment number 8 adds American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) – Regional Surface Transportation Program to Local Road Rehabilitation Grouped Projects and adds Recovery Act – Transportation Enhancement Program (TE) funds to Local TE Grouped Projects.

MCAG certifies that projects included meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 450, and satisfy the applicable air quality conformity requirements.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve MCAG's Amendment No. 8. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP amendment in fiscal years not within the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

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March 20, 2009

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Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

Sincerely,



RACHEL FALSETTI

Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Lisa Hanf - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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